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**THOMAS J. SADLER, CPA, 2008-2009 NASBA CHAIR**

NASHVILLE, TN (December 11, 2008) – Thomas J. Sadler, CPA, of Lakewood, Washington, acceded to the position of Chair of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) for 2008-2009 during NASBA's 101st Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts.

In his inaugural address, Mr. Sadler outlined six areas of focus for the coming year: Mobility and its continued adoption; Education and Examination; Model State Board; Enforcement Practices, Strategic Initiatives, and Global Strategies. Mr. Sadler closed his inaugural address with the following statement, "We have a lot of work to do in the next year, but as a NASBA family we are going to work hard while having a great time. We are the largest and most effective professional regulatory organization in the world. I am humbled to be chosen to lead you for this year. I will do the best I can, as I know you will, to serve the over 650,000 fine professionals we regulate and to preserve the public trust. It is a great time to be a regulator."

Mr. Sadler served as the 2007-2008 Vice Chair of NASBA. He is also a past Pacific Regional Director, Director-at-Large, and Secretary of NASBA. In addition, he is a past chair of the Washington State Board of Accountancy, and he currently serves the Washington State Board of Accountancy as a strategic adviser. Mr. Sadler is a member of the Washington Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs, and is past chair of the Washington Society's Litigation Services Committee. Mr. Sadler has earned specialty designations from the AICPA as "Accredited in Business Valuation" and "Certified in Financial Forensics." He is a Certified Fraud Examiner and a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

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In addition to Mr. Sadler's numerous accomplishments, he is a past president of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Lakewood and a former member of the Tacoma/Pierce County Economic Development Board.

A graduate of the University of Puget Sound, Mr. Sadler began his professional career in 1968 with Johnson, Paulson & Stolz (now Ernst & Young), becoming a CPA in 1969. He later joined Donald R. Brink in 1972, forming the firm of Brink & Sadler. Currently, Mr. Sadler serves "of counsel", since retiring from the firm in 2002.

Celebrating 101 years of service, NASBA serves as a forum for the nation's state boards of accountancy, which administer the Uniform CPA Examination, license certified public accountants and regulate the practice of public accountancy in the United States. NASBA's mission is to enhance the effectiveness of state boards of accountancy in meeting their regulatory responsibilities. The Association promotes the exchange of information among the accountancy boards, serving the needs of the 55 U.S. jurisdictions. NASBA is headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee. To learn more about NASBA, visit [www.nasba.org](http://www.nasba.org).

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